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SUBJ: ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION AT 30TH UNGA -- GABON

REF: A. USUN 5257; B. USUN 5151; C. STATE 259569

1. IN COURSE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BONGO NOVEMBER 4, TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO DESCRIBE TO HIM OUR CONCERN AT THIRD COMMITTEE VOTE ON ANTI-ZIONISM RESOLUTION AS OUTLINED REF C AND TO EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT WAY WOULD BE FOUND TO KEEP THIS ISSUE FROM UNDERMINING DECADE AGAINST RACISM.

2. I NOTED HELPFUL GABONESE VOTE ON SIERRA LEONE PROCEDURAL MOTION TO ADJOURN CONSIDERATION OF ZIONISM RESOLUTION (REF A), AND INDICATED OUR VIEW THAT THIS WOULD BE SATISFACTORY OUTCOME ON THIS ISSUE. I WENT ON TO EXPRESS PERSONAL SURPRISE THAT GABON HAD VOTED IN FAVOR OF INITIAL RESOLUTION (REF B), AND VOICED HOPE THAT THIS GABONESE POSITION MIGHT BE MODIFIED IN LATER VOTES.

3. AS IN CASE OF KOREAN VOTES (SEPTTEL, PRESIDENT PROMOSSED REVIEW VOTING SITUATION WITH FONMIN, TAKE PERSONAL DECISION, AND ISSUE APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS.

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4. COMMENT: HERE AGAIN, VOTES OCCURRED DURING ABSENCE

OF PRESIDENT AND FONMIN ON OVERSEAS TOURS, SO THAT
GABONESE DELEGATE MAY WELL HAVE BEEN UNINSTRUCTED.
PRESIDENT'S AGREEMENT TO REVIEW SITUATION SHOULD OFFER
GOOD CHANCE MORE FAVORABLE GABONESE VOTE IN PLENARY
THAN WAS CASE IN COMMITTEE BALLOT. I PLAN ADVISE FRENCH
AMBASSADOR AND OTHER KEY EUROPEAN COLLEAGUES OF THIS
DISCUSSION, WHICH TOOK PLACE ON SHORT NOTICE BEFORE I
HAD OPPORTUNITY CONSULT WITH THEM. STEIGMAN

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